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Gregory M. LANZA, et al.

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WITH TEMPERATURE-DEPENDENT  
CONTRAST AGENTS

Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: Shahnam J. Sharareh

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 9 March 2004, time for response to which was set to expire 9 June 2004. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 9 July 2004 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. All pending claims were rejected over a single patent disclosure. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.